

Mr. Evans's Favorite Children's Books

Updated, 2023

(Does not include books already in the Providence curriculum)

Incoming 1st Grade

1. *The Story of Ferdinand*, Munro Leaf
2. *The Best Nest*, P.D. Eastman
3. *Curious George Goes to an Ice Cream Shop*, Margaret and HA Rey
4. *Angelina's Christmas* (and series) Katharine Holabird
5. *Enemy Pie*, Derek Munson
6. *Rumpelstiltskin*, Paul Zelinsky
7. *The Secret Short Cut*, Mark Teague
8. *The Night Crawler*, The Fin Brothers
9. *Officer Buckle and Gloria*, Peggy Rathmann
10. *Cars and Truck and Things That Go*, Richard Scarry

Incoming 2nd Grade

1. *The Flying Hockey Stick*, Jolly Roger Bradfield
2. *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*, William Steig
3. *Pickle-Chiffon Pie*, Jolly Roger Bradfield
4. *Tikki Tikki Tembo*, Arlene Mosel
5. *Horton Hears a Who!* Dr. Seuss
6. *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*, Virginia Lee Burton
7. *The Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons*, Natascha Biebow
8. *Mouse Soup*, Arnold Lobel
9. *The Bee Tree*, Patricia Polacco
10. *Many Luscious Lollypops: A Book About Adjectives* (and series), Ruth Heller

Incoming 3rd Grade

1. *On the Banks of Plum Creek* (and series), Laura Ingalls Wilder
2. *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*, Beverly Cleary
3. *Thimble Summer*, Elizabeth Enright
4. *Owls in the Family*, Farley Mowat
5. *Rabbit Hill*, Robert Lawson
6. *Ramona and Her Father*, Beverly Cleary
7. *Honus and Me*, Dan Gutman
8. *The Matchlock Gun*, Walter Edmonds
9. *Key to the Treasure*, Peggy Parrish
10. *The Hundred Dresses*, Eleanor Estes

Incoming 4th Grade

1. *Gone Away Lake*, Elizabeth Enright
2. *The Twenty-One Balloons*, WP Dubois
3. *The Well*, Mildred Taylor
4. *James and the Giant Peach*, Roald Dahl
5. *Encyclopedia Brown* (series), Donald Sobol
6. *Soup and Me*, Robert Newton Peck
7. *Return To Gone Away*, Elizabeth Enright
8. *Redwall* (series), Brian Jacques
9. *The Great Brain* (series), John D. Fitzgerald
10. *The Watsons go to Birmingham*, Christopher Paul Curtis

Incoming 5th Grade

1. *Tuck Everlasting*, Natalie Babbitt
2. *Banner in the Sky*, James Ramsay Ullman
3. *Summer of the Monkeys*, Wilson Rawls
4. *Holes*, Louis Sachar
5. *The Case of The Baker Street Irregular*, Robert Newman
6. *Leepike Ridge*, N.D. Wilson
7. *The Bridge To Terabithia*, Katherine Paterson
8. *Someone Was Watching*, David Patneude
9. *Bud, Not Buddy*, Christopher Paul Curtis
10. *Pictures of Hollis Woods*, Patricia Reilly Giff

Incoming 6th Grade

1. *Moonfleet*, J. Meade Falkner
2. *The Westing Game*, Ellen Raskin
3. *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, Avi
4. *On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness* Andrew Peterson
5. *The Hiding Place*, Corrie ten Boom
6. *Jason's Gold*, Will Hobbs
7. *Deathwatch*, Robb White
8. *Framed (and series)*, James Ponti
9. *Theodore Boone, Kid Lawyer*, John Grisham
10. *The House of Dies Drear*, Virginia Hamilton